



# News Release

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### ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZES OVER 10,400 POUNDS OF MARIJUANA DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE

A number of traffic stops made by Highway Patrol officers with the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) along with seizures made by detectives assigned to the agency's Criminal Investigations Division resulted in the confiscation of over 10,400 pounds of marijuana.

This amount seized during the month of June exceeds the 6,500 pounds of marijuana seized by DPS in May.

The traffic stops were made at various locations throughout the state.

"These numbers demonstrate the significance of the drug trafficking problem in Arizona. Thanks to the hard work of these highway patrol officers and our agency's criminal investigators, we're taking thousands of pounds of dangerous drugs off the street whether it's marijuana, cocaine or methamphetamine. Obviously with the increased amount of drugs seized last month our officers are as vigilant as ever," said Roger Vanderpool, Director of the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

Most of the marijuana seizures came after canines with DPS or the U.S. Border Patrol were used to search vehicles. The arrests and marijuana seizures were not concentrated in one area but occurred statewide.

The largest one time seizure of marijuana by DPS officers during the month occurred on June 27 when officers seized approximately 3,202 pounds of marijuana during an investigation that started with a traffic stop on Interstate 10.

As a result of the Arizona Department of Public Safety's tireless effort to dismantle and disrupt the criminal organizations that manufacture, grow, transport and sell illegal drugs, communities in Arizona are becoming safer places to live.